Schools of Archives

†4109. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the places where school of archives are situated;

(b) whether these schools are to be extended throughout the country in view of the importance of their utility; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR) : (a) School of Archival Studies, National Archives of India, Janpath, New Delhi.

(b) and (c) The National Archives of India has no plan to start the study of Archival Studies at any other place in the country. However, the University Grants Commission has contemplated to introduce Archival Studies as an optional course at Post-Graduate level.

'Men of Arts' Pension

4110. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of persons from Kerala to whom the Central pension for Men of Arts' have been granted;

(b) whether the legal heirs of the late pensioners are eligible for the pension;

(c) whether any legal heirs of the later pensioners from Kerala applied for the grant of pension;

(d) whether they have been sanctioned the pension; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR) : (a) Under the Scheme of Financial Assistance to persons distinguished in letters, arts and such other walks of life who may be in indigent circumstances administered by the Department of Culture, financial assistance was extended to 49 artists from Kerala during the year, 2000-2001.

(b) The spouse and dependents of the deceased beneficiary are also eligible for assistance under the Scheme provided they are eligible on income

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